

October 2020 - Financial Information regarding Barryroe Parish

Dear Parishioner,

Strange Times

We all have been affected in so many ways by the presence of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

There have been dramatic changes in our daily lives.

We are asked to limit the number of people we are in contact with every day.

Relatives, neighbours and friends have died. Guidelines and protocols limit our visits to hospitals, family homes, nursing homes and end of life care and funerals.

March saw the complete closure of Churches and now Level 5 means Mass is closed again to congregations. A move to Level 2 in December is unlikely - which is what would be required if we are to return to some levels of limited attendance.

In many ways we have seen the best of human responses to those in need.

We continue to learn something about the fundamentals of our lives and

re-evaluate almost everything that really matters in our mind, body, heart and spirit.

Since St Patrick's Day we have provided the service of accessing Sunday Mass via the website at Barryroe.ie. The feedback received is that it has been immensely helpful to those unable to attend due to health, limited numbers, and for those who do not wish to take unnecessary risk.

Church Giving

As Masses have had limited or no congregation physically present on a practical level it has affected the usual methods of giving. We are very grateful that a good number of people have continued to drop envelopes in, contribute via direct debit and annual contributions.

As you receive your PARISH MESSAGE please note I am not ASKING FOR MORE MONEY.

I am simply appealing for your support as Parishioners, as a Faith Community, in order to give essential means to the Mission of Christ and our Faith

The Offertory Collection is completely separate to a Priest's Income and pays for the Parish Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance, Regulation of Fire and Safety Matters, administration, Diocesan Levies, maintenance and much more.

November Novena

During the November Novena I will be offering Mass daily for the Holy Souls. I will be remembering those who died since our last Novena and I will place a Folder on the altar that contains names of those you submitted in previous years. I will also visit Lislevane and Lislee cemeteries to bless the graves.

May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all for your generous on-going support to me over the last five years.

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Fr David O'Connell PP Barryroe